

REMARKS

In the Official Action of March 8, 2005, the Examiner considered that the previous amendments made to the claims, setting forth that the pressure displaceable member was anchored with respect to the interior of the chamber, did not sufficiently distinguish over the primary reference, O'Brien U.S. Patent 5,320,107, since piston 24 in that patent could be considered as being anchored to the device because it is fixed to the device via spring 23.

While we feel that this interpretation of O'Brien is somewhat "strained", nevertheless we have amended the main independent Claim 1 to more clearly define the invention of the present application and to more sharply distinguish it over this reference. In addition, Claims 2, 3 and 5 have also been amended to add further features even more sharply distinguishing over this reference. The remaining claims have all been cancelled in order to facilitate the further examination the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to set forth that the pressure displaceable member is a hinged member, hingedly mounted along one end within the chamber. This is clearly not the case in O'Brien, and it submitted, therefore, that Claim 1 now clearly distinguishes over O'Brien.

Claim 2 depends from Claim 1 and is therefore considered to be allowable over that claim for the same reasons. Claim 2, has been amended to bring out the further distinguishing feature that the hinged member carries an indicator element cooperable with a fixed scale for indicating the magnitude of displacement of the hinged member, and thereby the magnitude of the gas flow. It is believed that Claim 2 is therefore now also allowable with Claim 1.

Dependent Claim 3 has been amended to further bring out that the chamber is expandable, and that the hinged member constitutes a wall of the expandable chamber. This feature is also clearly not present in O'Brien, nor in any of the other reference of

record, and it is therefore felt that Claim 3 is also allowable for this feature, apart from the other features discussed above.

Dependent Claim 5 has been amended to bring out that the expandable chamber including the hinged member is enclosed within a housing having an opening for subjecting the hinged member to ambient pressure. This feature is also absent from O'Brien and therefore it is believed that Claim 5 is allowable for this further feature in addition to the features discussed above with respect to the other claims.

As indicated above, the remaining claims have been cancelled in order to simplify the further examination of the application.

It is believed that these amendments should place the application in condition for allowance, and their entry is therefore respectfully requested for this purpose. Since the application is under Final, an early action is particularly solicited.

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